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Subject: Officer Involved Shooting.

On February 25, 2016 at approximately 1:25 AM Evans Police Department initiated a suspicious vehicle contact in the area of Hwy 85 and 40th Street. Once on scene the officers observed two males and contacted them. After several minutes one suspect being contacted fled the stop, and the second male suspect was taken into custody. The Evans officers gave chase and they lost sight of the second suspect as he crossed a fence to the north of the scene.

Evans officers called for assistance and additional agencies responded including the LaSalle Police Department, Greeley Police Department, and the Weld County Sheriff's Office to establish a perimeter and contain the suspect that escaped. At about 2:47 AM officers observed a male in the area. The suspect was confronted by an Evans officer and the suspect fired a weapon at the officer and fled. Approximately 30 minutes later officers converging on the area spotted the suspect once again and challenged the male. After shouting to the officers, "Shoot me, kill me!", the male raised his weapon at the officers. The officers discharged their weapons at the suspect. Initial indications are that two Greeley officers and one LaSalle officer fired. The suspect sustained gunshot wounds. Medical was immediately called to the scene and officers began CPR on the suspect. The suspect was transported by ambulance to the North Colorado Medical Center Emergency Room and pronounced deceased at 4:07 AM.

The Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) for the Nineteenth Judicial District is completing the investigation on this officer involved shooting. There is body camera footage of the incident that is being reviewed by the CIRT Team at this time. The identity of the deceased male will be released by the Weld County Coroner after proper notifications have been made. Initial indications are that the deceased was a parole absconder and was wanted on felony charges.

The names of the officers involved in this incident will not be released at this time. The officers involved will be placed on administrative leave.

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